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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 048022

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, TS

SUBJ: U. S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

REF: TUNIS 0931

1. REFTEL WAS SUBJECT OF STATE/ AID DISCUSSION IN WHICH USAID DIRECTOR GERARD PARTICIPATED AND PROVIDED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. NO MAJOR DECISION YET MADE IN AID/ W ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, BUT GERARD CAN EXPLAIN BASIC CONSIDERATIONS TO YOU UPON HIS RETURN NEXT MONTH WHICH WILL EMPHASIZE THAT PARA REMAINS USG POLICY GUIDE.

2. IN SUMMARY PARAGRAPH OF REFTEL EMBASSY STATES USG HAS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA' S REQUEST FOR HELP WITH BROADCASTING FACILITIES. DEPT BELIEVES THIS IS MISUNDERSTANDING. WE TOLD TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR EL GOULLI WE WOULD RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST WHEN GOT PROVIDED FULL DETAILS ON WHAT IT HAD IN MIND. MOREOVER, WE ARE WILLING TO SEND RADIO ENGINEER TO TUNIS TO EXAMINE EXISTING FACILITIES AND OFFER ADVICE ON HOW TO IMPROVE THEIR  
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OPERATION.

3. MILITARY ASSISTANCE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

4. STATE/ AID WELCOMED YOUR FRANK DISCUSSION IN REFTEL AND FULLY APPRECIATE THE PROBLEM YOU FACE IN EXPLAINING TO GOT

THAT ALTHOUGH U. S. SYMPATHETIC TO TUNISIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, PROGRAMMING OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE VERY LIMITED DUE TO TIGHT FUNDING AND LIMITATION ON PL 480 COMMODITIES AVAILABILITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, REFTEL MENTIONS A QUOTE SIXTY PERCENT UNQUOTE CUTBACK FROM 1971 BASE. THE MOST REALISTIC YARDSTICK BY WHICH TO MEASURE OUR AID EFFORT IS THE ACTUAL FLOW OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES FROM THE U. S. TO TUNISIA WHICH HAS BEEN AVERAGING APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 34 MILLION PER YEAR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THESE FIGURES SHOULD BE USED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TUNISIANS. ROGERS

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